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▶ Michael Buble at an October book signing in London.

Crooner skates with Canucks

- Michael Buble trades in his mic for a hockey stick during practice
- Singer gets to live out his dream, while Canucks enjoy the break

Michael Buble showed the Vancouver Canucks he can work a hockey stick almost as well as a microphone.

The Canadian pop star and lifelong hockey fan got a chance to live a dream when he skated with the Canucks during a practice Tuesday.

"It was just the greatest day of my life, really," Buble, a 36-year-old native of the Vancouver suburb of Burnaby, told reporters. "I had way too much fun. To get to do that, I guess, is every fan's wish."

The Canucks also appreciated the chance to skate with the multiple Grammy and Juno award winner.

"He's one of the best singers in the world, one of the most popular singers in the world, and he just wanted to spend the morning with his favourite team," said winger Alex Burrows. "That shows us that, even when he's got everything as a singer, he still would like to spend some time with us."

"I thought he had Lou beat on that shootout, and it would have been nice to see him score."
WINGER ALEX BURROWS, ON BUBLE'S GAME

COURTESY VANCOUVER CANUCKS

▶ Michael Buble, left, chats with captain Henrik Sedin Tuesday.

Buble, a lifelong hockey fan who is a minority owner of the Vancouver Giants of the WHL, wore full Canucks gear, including a blue jersey and hockey pants. He also wore a helmet with no visor.

His only regret was that he did not deke goaltender Roberto Luongo and put the puck "upstairs" after racing in on goal with the puck. He hit the post.

"He looked pretty good out there, actually," said Daniel Sedin.

Canucks coach Alain Vigneault was also impressed. But the bench boss said he would have to put Buble through a few "compete drills" before giving a full assessment.

"It was a different moment from a busy schedule for us," Vigneault said. "I think the boys enjoyed having him in the room.... When he came in this morning, we gave him the opportunity to showcase his skill set — and he did."

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Santa. Surprise

▶ Scuba Claus swims in the Strait of Georgia tank at the Vancouver Aquarium on Tuesday.

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The jolly old fish?

Santa will appear in the tank daily at 11:30 a.m. through Dec. 24, when he trades in the sea for the sky, the scuba gear for the sleigh, on Christmas Eve.

If you text, you could be a liar

▶ You are more likely to lie when texting, UBC study shows ▶ People also experience a more negative emotional reaction when lied to through texting ▶ Use the phone more: Researcher

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Text messaging may be a more convenient mode of communication, but it may lead people to be more deceitful, according to a new study by UBC researchers.

The study involved 170 student brokers and buyers performing mock stock transactions in one of four ways: face-to-face or through video, audio or text chatting.

Researchers found that participants who received information via text message were 95 per cent more likely to report deception than if they had interacted via video, 31 per cent more likely to report deception compared to face-to-face and 18 per cent more likely to report deception than audio.

Ronald Cenfetelli, professor at the Sauder School of Business at UBC and co-author of the paper, said he was surprised that people's reactions at being lied to differed depending on the medium.

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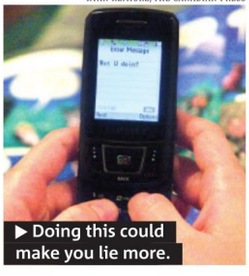

▶ Doing this could make you lie more.

"Participants were likely to be more angry when they were lied to via text messaging," he said.

Cenfetelli hopes the study will remind tech-savvy users to reconsider face-to-face or video interactions over text messaging when it comes to transactions over eBay or Craigslist.

"Personal interaction tools, such as Skype are a richer form of communication, you get eye contact and gestures that would mitigate lying and cheating," said Cenfetelli.

He suggested taking the time to make a phone call instead of sending an email.

"Sometimes you have to sacrifice convenience. Avoid the temptation to use these technologies," he advised. "Take the time to do this over a richer form of communication even though it may take a couple of extra days."

Inquest called in 2008 mushroom-farm tragedy

B.C.'s coroners service has called a public inquest into a tragic 2008 incident at a Langley mushroom farm that left three workers dead and left two others with severe brain damage.

On Sept. 5, 2008, Ut Tran, 35, Han Pham, 47, and Chi Wai (Jimmy) Chan, 55, died almost instantly after breathing toxic hydrogen sulphide gas inside a pump shed at the mushroom-composting facility in Langley. Two other men, Michael Phan and Thang Tchen, suffered permanent brain damage.

NDP Leader Adrian Dix and B.C. Federation of Labour President Jim Sinclair applauded Tuesday's decision.

"Many things went wrong in the lead-up to the tragedy and as the tragedy unfolded," Sinclair said in a release. "A coroners inquest will help us understand what went wrong and what can be done to make farming safer."

The inquest will begin May 7, 2012, at the Coroners Court in Burnaby.

In May, the companies, A-1 Mushroom Substratum Ltd. and H.V. Truong, as well as three directors, pleaded guilty to 10 charges of violating health and safety laws. They were fined $350,000.

In a release Tuesday, Chief Coroner Lisa Lapointe said the inquest will examine the broader circumstances of the incident in an attempt to prevent future deaths. The inquest jury does not find fault or responsibility but it can make recommendations.

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Annual event serves up warm Christmas meals

Union Gospel Mission and Glowbal Restaurants provide food for thousands of DTES residents ‘Emotional day’ for staff and volunteers

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▶ Annie Ramos serves a table of Downtown Eastside residents at the Union Gospel Mission’s Table for 2,000 event on Tuesday.

Glowbal Restaurants got into the spirit of giving Tuesday, providing a home-cooked meal for more than 2,000 residents on the Downtown Eastside.

The third annual Table for 2,000 was hosted at the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) at 601 East Hastings St., where 250 volunteers provided a Christmas meal inside a heated tent.

“I think this is what the holidays are supposed to be about,” said Joanna Schlosser, part of a volunteer team from Lululemon Athletica.

Shannon Bosa Yacoub, owner of Glowbal Restaurants, said she was overwhelmed with the response after requesting volunteers through social media.

“We actually had a waitlist of volunteers, so we just opened it up and brought in everyone,” she said.

UGM president Bill Mollard said the organization served more than 3,400 meals last year at eight sites across the Lower Mainland and it’s an important way of connecting the less privileged to the greater community.

“The people who volunteer come away with a different perspective on the people of the Downtown Eastside,” said Mollard, adding that the event provides an opportunity to approach people with substance-abuse issues and get them into treatment.

“We have a 79 per cent success rate of keeping them off drugs and alcohol once they complete our program,” Mollard said.

“It’s so much more than a meal.”

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Man drives with dead wife in car

U.S. authorities say a British Columbia man drove about 360 kilometres towards Canada after his 75-year-old wife died in the car next to him, uncertain whether he could cross the border with her.

Police Chief Robert Burks, in Tonasket, Wash., says the 71-year-old Oliver, B.C., resident didn’t know what to do, so he kept driving.

The man and his wife were driving home from their vacation in Oregon on Sunday when she began suffering a medical condition and died near Pasco, Wash.

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Organ recipients thank hospital

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▶ David Ewsebio

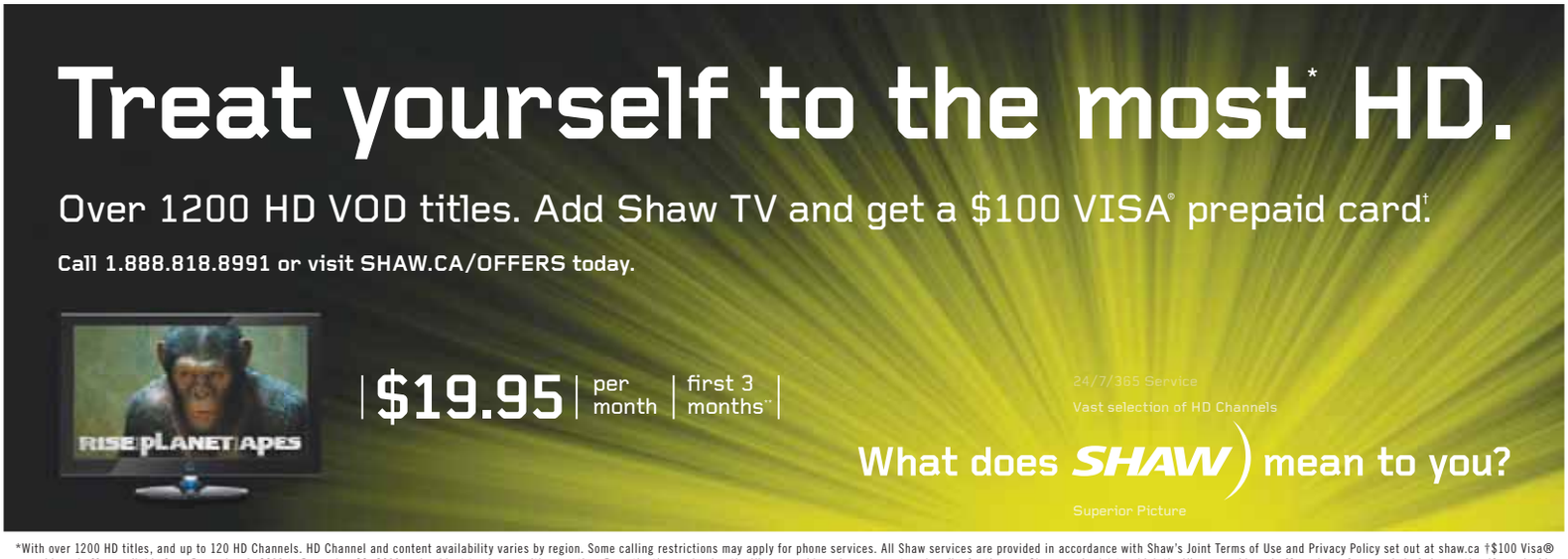
By all accounts, David Ewsebio is an average healthy 12-year-old — he plays soccer, saxophone and has an interest in film. But if it wasn’t for a heart donor, David wouldn’t have been alive today.

David and his family came to BC Children’s Hospital on Tuesday to participate in Operation Popcorn, an annual event where transplant recipients return to thank the many nurses, doctors and lab specialists who have taken care of them.

Sonia Ewsebio, David’s mother, said his heart problem was detected by ultrasound while she was pregnant with him. Since the provincial health-care system wasn’t equipped to conduct infant heart transplants at the time, she was flown to a medical university in California, where she gave birth and waited for a heart to become available.

Ewsebio waited only 10 days before her son was given a chance at life, a time frame much shorter than for most families.

“Christmas is a time for celebration of life, and we all want to be among our loved ones,” Ewsebio said. “We are very blessed to celebrate another year with David.” DANIEL PALMER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Egyptian women call for change

Military issues statement of regret for violations against women • Clinton slams Egypt's security forces

Around 10,000 women marched through central Cairo demanding Egypt's ruling military step down Tuesday in an unprecedented show of outrage over soldiers who dragged women by the hair and stomped on them, and stripped one half-naked in the street during a fierce crackdown on activists over the past week.

The dramatic protest, which grew as the women marched from Tahrir Square through downtown, was fuelled by the widely circulated images of abuses of women. Many of the marchers touted the photo of the young woman whose clothes were partially pulled off by troops, baring her down to her blue bra, as she struggled on the ground.

"Tantawi stripped your women naked, come join us," the crowd chanted to passersby, referring to Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, the head of the military council that has ruled Egypt since the Feb. 11 fall of Hosni Mubarak. "The daughters of Egypt are a red line, they chanted.

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Scare tactics?

- **Many accused the military** of intentionally targeting women to scare them and their male relatives from joining protests against the generals.
- **Previously, the military** has implied women who joined protests were of loose morals.
- **In March,** soldiers subjected detained female protesters to humiliating tests to determine if they were virgins.

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▶ Women march during a protest against the crackdown by authorities on protesters in Cairo Tuesday.

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TV dishes out cannibalism

Dutch presenters to eat a small chunk of one another's fried flesh Lawyer: Not expressly illegal

A Dutch broadcaster — renowned for testing the limits of good taste and the law — says it will air a segment in which two presenters engage in cannibalism by eating a small chunk of one another's fried flesh.

A BNN spokesman said Tuesday the men had each had a small piece of tissue surgically removed for the stunt — one from his side and the other from his buttocks.

Presenter Dennis Storm said in a press release that his motivation was a simple desire to know how human flesh tastes.

A teaser clip for the show Guinea Pigs, which airs Wednesday, shows the two men looking on as a chef fries tiny pieces of meat in a pan.

Gerard Spong, one of the country's best-known criminal defence lawyers, is participating in the program, and was quoted saying that cannibalism is not expressly illegal in the Netherlands.

However, "cutting and removing flesh from a healthy body without medical reason is illegal," Spong said. "Eating meat obtained in this way is ... punishable."

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Won an Emmy

- **In 2007, BNN aired** a fake game show in which people who needed kidney transplants competed on live television for a supposedly terminally ill woman's kidney. The woman was an actress and the show was a hoax, but it was praised by some for raising awareness of the need for donors and went on to win an international Emmy award.
- **BNN, which targets a youth audience,** has previously aired programs such as Shooting and Swallowing in which presenters used illegal drugs and performed sex acts.

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▶ Winnipeg's Maria Aragon appears in a Gap commercial.

Canadian content ranks high on YouTube

Canadian content ranked high on YouTube's lists of the most-watched videos in 2011 but still could not top the web phenomenon that was Rebecca Black's song Friday.

In second place on Canadian and international lists was Ultimate Dog Tease by Halifax's Andrew Grantham.

Third on Canada's list and eighth internationally was the cover of Lady Gaga's Born This Way by Winnipeg's Maria Aragon.

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As the price of gold reached a record high, the Better Business Bureau warned sellers across B.C. to beware of scammers hoping to rip off people cashing in. Prices for the precious metal have soared over $1,700 an ounce, and BBB President Lynda Pasacreta says that she's seen a corresponding increase in people falling victim to unscrupulous buyers. *"We've noticed that, especially in the online world, people are sending in their gold, and then they're either being disappointed with the price they're being quoted or they're not hearing anything -- [the gold] just kind of disappears,"* she told CTV News. *"The BBB is currently handling 19 complaints against a single gold-buying company in mainland B.C."* There are no complaints about J&M. We are well known to pay the best prices in town.

See the CTV interview online at:
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Below is a direct, real comparison of J&M's buying prices with those of a new Vancouver buyer claiming to be the highest buyer

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14kt scrap gold, per gram	$24.00	$25.90
1 oz. Recognized Gold Bar	$1,583.00	$1,741.33
1 oz. Gold Maple Leaf Coin	$1,670.00	$1,752.20
Sterling Silver, per Gram	$0.58	$0.76
Silver Canadian Coins from 1966 and earlier, per $1 face value	$14.70	$17.31

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1 oz. modern, sealed bars	$1,741.33
1 oz gold Maple Leaf	$1,752.20
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1 oz. silver bar	$33.43
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1923 1¢	$14.00 and up

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▶ An inscription on a pair of slippers sitting outside a mosque at a police school in Aceh, Indonesia.

Indonesia's punks resist crackdown

Attempt to reform youth part of Aceh authorities' efforts to restore moral values in line with Islamic laws

Mohawks buzzed and noses free of piercings, dozens of youths march in military-style for hours beneath Indonesia's tropical sun — part of efforts by authorities to restore moral values and bring the "deviants" back into the mainstream.

But the young men and women have shown no signs of bending.

When commanders turn their backs, the shouts ring out: "Punk will never die!" Fists are thrown in the air and peace signs flashed. A few have managed briefly to escape, heads held high as they are dragged back.

Sixty-five young punk rockers arrived at this police detention centre last week after baton-wielding police crashed a concert in Aceh — the only province in this predominantly Muslim nation of 240 million to have imposed Islamic laws.

They will be released Friday, after completing 10 days of "rehabilitation," from classes on good behaviour and religion to military-style drills aimed at instilling discipline.

Yudi, 19, who goes by only one name, says it's not working.

He tried unsuccessfully to shake off police when they took an electric razor to his spiky mohawk. At the sight of his hair scattered in the grass, he recalls, tears rolled down his face.

"They can't change me," Yudi insisted. "I love punk. I don't feel guilty about my lifestyle. Why should I? There's nothing wrong with it."

His girlfriend, Intan Natalia, 20, agrees. Her bleach-blond hair has been cut into a bob and dyed black, but she's been forced to cover it up with a headscarf.

"They can say what they want, but I like life as a punk," she says. "It suits me."

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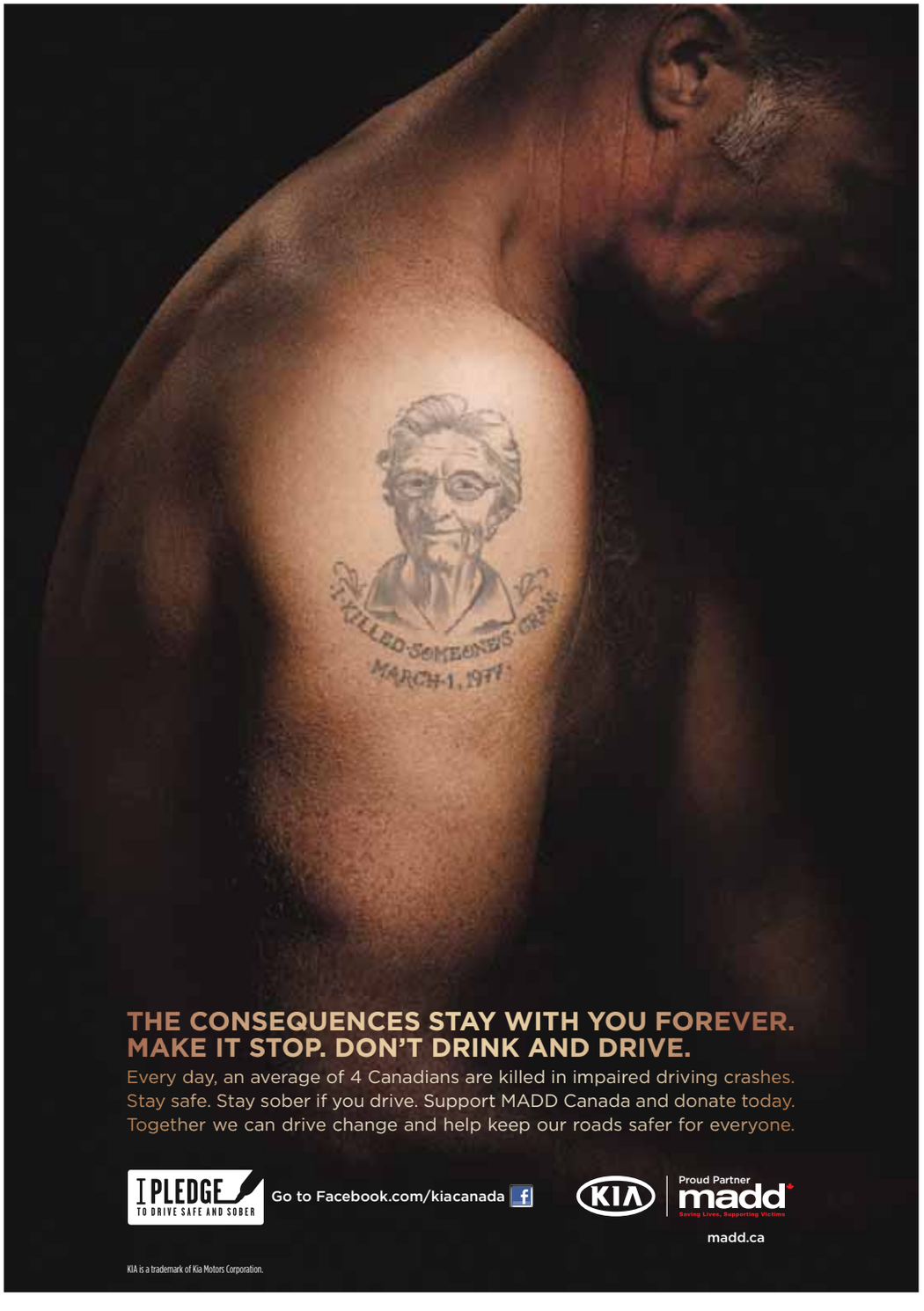
Aceh's autonomy

- The crackdown marked the latest effort by authorities to promote strict moral values in Aceh, which, unlike other provinces in the sprawling archipelagic nation, enjoys semi-autonomy from the central government.
- That was part of a peace deal negotiated after the 2004 tsunami off Aceh convinced separatist rebels and the army to lay down their arms.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Premiers express dismay over health negotiations

Premiers who feel slighted by the federal government on health-care funding expressed their frustration Tuesday at Ottawa's tone and position in what they thought were supposed to be negotiations on a long-term deal.

"I think the process is unfortunate," said Saskatchewan's Brad Wall. "I think the finance ministers were expecting the beginning of a round of consultation and, at least on the transfer piece, that does not appear to be what the federal government's doing. They're saying, here's the deal."

British Columbia hasn't expressed the same outrage as other provinces, but Finance Minister Kevin Falcon said he has concerns with the per capita formula being used by Ottawa because it doesn't take into account the rising health costs associated with an aging population.

At Monday's meeting, Flaherty said Ottawa plans to continue increasing health transfer payments at six per cent annually for the next six years. After that, he said transfer payments will be tied to the rate of economic growth and inflation, which gives the provinces and territories certain and stable health funding.

"We all realize that public finances relate to revenues and we can't pretend that we can spend money that we don't have," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

White. Christmas

▶ Kevin Wesson shovels a path for customers at the Water Still in Amarillo, Texas, on Tuesday morning after an overnight storm covered the region with about an inch of ice and snow. Several major thoroughfares were closed after the storm clipped the northwest part of the state the day before the official start of winter.

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stormy weather takes States by surprise

Fierce winds and snow that caused fatal accidents and shuttered highways in five states crawled deeper into the central U.S. early Tuesday, with forecasters warning that pre-holiday travel would be difficult if not impossible across the region. Authorities said six people have died as a result of the bad weather.

Ontario researcher develops HIV vaccine

University of Western Ontario claims vaccine is the only one of its kind being developed in Canada ◐ Will be produced in the U.S. ◐ Canada lacks facilities that meet standards

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

▶ University of Western Ontario researcher Yong Kang speaks Tuesday at the university's research park about a vaccine he has developed to prevent HIV-AIDS.

Yong Kang has played a role in developing vaccines for polio and hepatitis B.

Now, the University of Western Ontario researcher has earned approval from the U.S. government to start human clinical trials on what could be a breakthrough vaccination for preventing HIV.

The vaccine — technically named SAV001 — is the result of nearly 20 years worth of work at Western labs.

Kang, a molecular virologist, started studying the way HIV reproduces after landing in London during the early 1990s. About 10 years ago, he turned his focus toward developing a vaccine — something that he first thought would be a relatively simply task.

"Turns out, it was a very challenging problem," he said.

With the first of three trial phases set to begin in January, best-case scenario would see Kang's product on the market in five years. His vaccine attacks the whole virus instead of attacking bits and pieces, which is the way vaccines in previous HIV trials worked.

While HIV has been his key subject for many years, Kang said there's no one thing that drew him to the disease, except maybe the number of people it affects.

"I like to save lives," he said. "I think we can save millions."

ANGELA MULLINS IN LONDON, ONT.

Trial stages

- **Phase 1: Double-check the safety of the vaccine in humans.** Will involve about 40 HIV-positive volunteers.
- **Phase 2: Measure immune responses.** Will involve about 600 volunteers in the high-risk category for infection.
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CNN host denies role in phone hacking scandal

Morgan refuses to tell inquiry how he heard McCartney message

A tense and sometimes confrontational Piers Morgan stood his ground before a judge-led inquiry into media ethics Tuesday, denying any connection to illegal phone hacking that has resulted in the closure of the newspaper he once edited and the arrest of friends and former colleagues.

But the celebrity interviewer, who edited the News of the World Sunday and the Daily Mirror, refused to answer questions about the damning link between himself and scandal — his 2006 acknowledgment that he had once listened to a poignant phone message left by former Beatle Paul McCartney for his ex-wife Heather Mills.

"I'm not going to discuss where I heard it (a message) or who played it to me."
PIERS MORGAN, CNN CELEBRITY INTERVIEWER

Mills has charged that there was no honest way Morgan could have heard the message. Pressed by the inquiry chief as to whether he could say anything to substantiate that he had obtained the message legally, Morgan said he could not.
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▶ Piers Morgan answers a media inquiry's questions Tuesday via video from the U.S.

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High. Inflation

▶ Grocery prices were up 5.7 per cent in November compared with a year ago as consumers saw double-digit increases for such basics as fresh vegetables and bread, Statistics Canada reported Tuesday.

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Food, gas prices rise

Statistics Canada reported Tuesday that Canada's annual inflation rate remained high at 2.9 per cent last month as Canadians continued to pay more for food and gasoline than they had 12 months earlier.

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JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

It's tough, writing an appreciation of Christopher Hitchens, the brilliant essayist and author of God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything and the memoir Hitch 22, to name a couple.

Hitchens died last week, and an impressive array of pundits have tried to punch above their weight and write about Hitchens as well as Hitchens wrote about himself.

The results have been admirable, although we could do without the manly memoirs from those who tried to match the master drink for drink and stay on their barstools. Typical of this school is Graydon Carter, the editor of Vanity Fair, who wrote that after having more drinks at lunch than most of us have in a lifetime at lunch, they stumbled back to the office and Hitchens "produced a 1,000-word column of near perfection in under half an hour."

"When you're a writer, intellectual freedom is your most precious resource. Unless you write the truth (as you know it, in your heart) with complete fearlessness, you are producing weasel poop."

The other unsettling thing about the coverage is that it's universally by guys about a guy. Hitchens famously maintained that women aren't funny, and as far as I can tell, most women continue to hold that against him.

Otherwise, just about everything you could ever say, hope to say or imagine that someone, someday might say has been written about Christopher Hitchens. So why bother to add to the pile?

Maybe it's because, as Carter writes, "you felt as though he was writing to you and to you alone." We all had a front row seat to The Show thanks to Hitchens, who would tackle any topic on our behalf, from Mother Teresa, whom he detested as the benign, loving face of oppression, to Holocaust denier David Irving, tolerating him and his odious outlook in the name of intellectual freedom.

When you're a writer, intellectual freedom is your most precious resource. Unless you write the truth (as you know it, in your heart) with complete fearlessness, you are producing weasel poop. At best.

Hitchens was completely fearless. He proved it time and again, but most of all when he turned his back on the left to support the U.S. invasion of Iraq, arguing that "Islamo-fascism" is the greatest threat of our time. It started when the Ayatollah of Iran put a fatwah (a kind of assassination contract with religious trappings) on his good friend Salman Rushdie for writing The Satanic Verses.

If it weren't three sentences long, this quote about the fatwah from his memoir should be written on his tomb: "It was, if I can phrase it like this, a matter of everything I hated versus everything I loved. In the hate column: dictatorship, religion, stupidity, demagogy, censorship, bullying and intimidation. In the love column: literature, irony, humour, the individual and the defense of free expression."

Christopher Hitchens, wherever you are, let 'er RIP.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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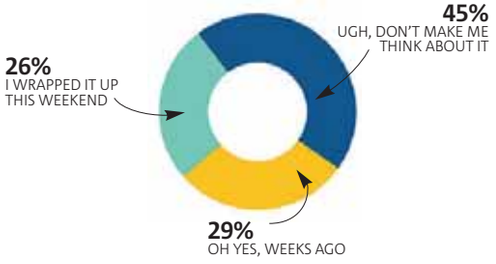

Local tweets

- **@bcfed:** Coroner's Inquest gives hope mushroom farm deaths will leave legacy of safer farms:#bcpoli #wcb #worksafe
- **@mattsekeres:** Just scanned through prelim WJC rosters, and looks like W Nicklas Jensen (DEN) will be only Canucks prospect at the tournament. #canucks
- **@VanCanucks:** Who did we find in practice gear on the ice? None other than Michael Buble. pic.twitter.com/KfyeiqkW
- **@iam_canuck:** Michael Buble was practicing with the Canucks this morning? And I thought I couldn't love him any more...
- **@Whistlerbrewing:** Happy Holidays to everyone! Hope you're taking a little time out from the bustle to enjoy your favorite brews!
- **@ArtemChubarov:** Wild haven't won in 9 in Vancouver, got shutout by Luongo (after an MST beat-writer laughed in his face), have lost 4 in a row. Today rules.
- **@TheHaidaGirl:** Great time at the canucks game last night...too bad they put me and my bro on the kiss cam lol

SHIKHEI GOH/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Hang in there, bug!

Fly battles rain to win contest

WILDLIFE. It looks like one of those classic, endearing "Hang in there, baby" motivational posters. This dragonfly in Indonesia's Riau Islands seems to cling on to a reed to brave a torrent of rain. The photo by Shikhei Goh beat 20,000 entries to win the 2011 National Geographic Photography Contest. MWN

"It suddenly rained, but the lighting was just superb. The result caused me to be overjoyed."
SHIKHEI GOH, PHOTOGRAPHER

Judges' views

- **Amy Toensing:** "When I look at it, I want to say, 'Hold on tight, little buddy!'"
- **Peter Essick"** "It's rare indeed to see a photograph that causes the viewer to feel a bond with a member of the animal world seemingly, but maybe not, so unlike our own."

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A Swedish invasion

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo has spurred a demand for Scandinavian backdrops in new films ◗ But that's nothing new to Hollywood ◗ Sweden has always been a cinema focal point

IN FOCUS

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These days it seems there are almost as many movies set in Sweden as there are Billy bookshelves in college dorms. The original Girl with the Dragon Tattoo books and movie series kicked off a thirst for all things Scandinavian.

Headhunters, a Norwegian noir, was a big hit recently at the Toronto International Film Festival and Let the Right One In placed vampires against a snowy, stark white Swedish backdrop.

This weekend the Americanized version of Girl With the Dragon Tattoo opens, starring Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara in the roles Swedish superstars Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Repace made famous. Shot in Sweden, the movie promises open landscapes, the crunch of snow underfoot and even the odd fjord.

Suddenly, it seems people are hungry for movies from Sweden, Norway and Denmark, but there has always been a smorgasbord of cinema available from that part of the world.

No discussion of Scandinavian cinema can be complete without mentioning Ingmar Bergman. Woody Allen named him "the greatest film artist since the invention of the motion picture camera," and Francis Ford Coppola called him "my all-time favourite."

If you haven't seen The Seventh Seal or Wild Strawberries, you should; they are both classics. But you have undoubtedly seen movies inspired by or parodying Bergman's work.

His famous Seventh Seal scene of Death playing chess has been mimicked in everything from Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey to Woody Allen's play Death Knocks, which features a man playing gin rummy with Death.

More recently a Norwegian mockumenary called Troll Hunter earned praise from critics all over the world. One writer said this Blair-Witch-style story of cave-dwelling trolls and the government-sponsored hunters who track them was "destined to be a classic of its kind."

Another said, "You'll want to catch this clever movie before Hollywood ruins everything with a dumb remake."

Denmark has a thriving film industry. Since 1956 they've entered 40 flicks for Best Foreign Film consideration at the Academy Awards.

At last year's Oscars Susanne Bier's drama In a Better World beat Canada's entry Incendies to take home Best Foreign Film.

The best-known Danish films of recent years have been made by Lars von Trier, the distinctive and controversial director of Breaking the Waves and this year's Melancholia. As well known for his depressed behaviour as he is for his films, Von Trier once said, "Basically, I'm afraid of everything in life, except filmmaking."

HANDOUT

▶ The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo has set off a demand for all things Scandinavian.

Not dead

False reports of Jon Bon Jovi's death spread online after a fake news release surfaced on social media sites. Bon Jovi released a statement Tuesday showing that he is very much still alive.
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Movie reviews

See it twice ◍◍◍◍◍ | See it now ◍◍◍◍ Worth watching ◍◍◍ | Yawn ◍◍ | Don't bother ◍

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Genre: Drama
Director: Steven Spielberg
◍◍◍½

Based on three of Hergé's original Tintin books, The Adventures of Tintin is a long series of clues strung together to form the story and connect the action scenes. But despite the well-loved characters and Andy Serkis's brilliant work, this is a Steven Spielberg movie through and through.

Using a mix of motion capture and CGI he is finally able to recreate the giant set pieces he has always been fond of in boldface.

The motorcycle chase through a North African town, a plane crash in the desert and a swashbuckling flashback are all spectacular, exhilarating sequences, but they feel more Spielbergian than Tintin-ian.

I'm not sure if Hergé purists will appreciate the director's vision imposed on their beloved characters but for everyone else The Adventures of Tintin is good, escapist fun.
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A look at odds and ends of music in 2011 with best hook, best comeback and best music video

Who rocked 2011?

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▶ Beyoncé performs on ABC's Good Morning America, in New York in July.

Best guilty pleasure song:
Tonight, Tonight AND I Like It Like That by Hot Chelle Rae.

Best use of Nicki Minaj:
Last year, Nicki Minaj costarred on many songs, but this year she focused more on her solo efforts.

Beyoncé

This diva released a whopping seven music videos in six months, and honestly, most of them are average.

But Beyoncé is a killer on the dance floor, and in the Run the World (Girls) clip, her moves are infectious and mind-blowing.

Her best guest appearance is on David Guetta's Turn Me On, a future hit that highlights the rapper's singing chops.

Best Katy Perry single:
Katy Perry has a slew of No.1 hits, but her best song this year was the Ke$ha-sounding party jam Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.) It's hard not to love lyrics like: "Think I need a Ginger Ale/that was such an epic fail."

Best remix:
Adele and reggae? No way! But Jamie xx's remix of the British singer's Rolling In the Deep (dubbed Rolling In the Heat) is fun, epic and sweat-inducing.

Best award show performance
Kelly Rowland's live rendition of Motivation at the BET Awards reminded viewers that training alongside Beyoncé for years has a plus-side: Rowland's vocals were crisp and her sexy dance moves helped her come off like a contemporary version of Janet Jackson.

Best inane lyric:
Insert LMFAO song here.

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▶ Rihanna

Best Hook: The chorus of Rihanna's S&M is downright nasty, so we can't repeat it here, but it's downright catchy, too. Na, na, na, na, c'mon!

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Lady and the Trump

Just how has Lady Gaga become the global sensation she is today? Why, taste-maker Donald Trump, of course

THE WORD

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Toupéed reality TV star Donal Trump says because Lady Gaga performed at the 2008 Miss Universe pageant, which Trump owns, he should get all of the credit for her success.

"We always have an entertainer," he says.

"We've had a lot of great people, and you don't pay them anything because it's one of the biggest audiences and my people told me, 'Nobody knows who she is but there's this woman with good talent named Lady Gaga.'

And I said, 'Give me a break.' And then they said, 'She's really good.' So I said, 'I don't care, if you like her, put her on.'"

Interesting. And here we always thought it was the gays who propelled Lady Gaga to international stardom.

ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

▶ Lady Gaga

Did Donald Trump also discover Key West?

▶ Donald Trump

▶ Demi Moore

Demi Moore wants to empower you

The Conversation, Demi Moore's new talk show on which she serves as the Executive Producer, is on schedule to air next month on Lifetime with British TV personality Amanda De Cadenet as host.

The Conversation, which claims to be about empowering women, has already nabbed such guests as Lady Gaga, Gwyneth Paltrow, Olivia Wilde and Jane Fonda.

Apparently, they plan on "empowering women" by asking these extremely successful women such questions as "What is your favourite sex position?" and "What do you lie about?"

Maybe instead of such inane questions, The Conversation would empower females better if these celebs talked to women about the importance of education, birth control, and how to fight sexism in the work place.

Besides, everyone knows that for Gwyneth Paltrow, the answer is "missionary."

DOROTHY ROBINSON

Was James Franco a D-student at university?

Former New York University professor Jose Angel Santana claims the school fired him for giving James Franco a D, and he's suing to get his job back, according to the New York Post.

Santana claims the low grade was due to Franco missing 12 out of 14 classes, though he says the school sided with their famous student.

"In my opinion, they've turned the NYU graduate film degree into swag for James Franco's purposes, a possession, something you can buy," Santana tells the newspaper.

"The University has done everything in its power to curry favour with James Franco."

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James Franco

Celebrity tweets

@BrunoMars

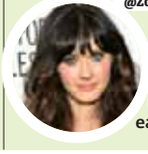
Death to LOL

@oliviawilde

Is it wrong that the only time I've been in the gym in the last month is to buy peanut butter smoothies? I try my best to lunge in and out.

@michaelianblack

If anybody (Jude Law) wants to trade lives with me, NO THANK YOU!!! (yes, please)



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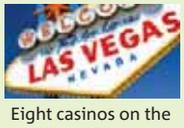

Eight casinos on the Las Vegas Strip are planning a co-ordinated fireworks show as part of Sin City's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Officials said Wednesday that more than 56,000 effects will light up the sky as part of a nearly nine-minute show featuring a medley of songs. Eight casinos will be used as firing locations: Tropicana Las Vegas, MGM Grand, Aria, Planet Hollywood, Caesars Palace, Treasure Island, the Venetian and the Stratosphere.

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Cancun rated cheapest Caribbean destination, Saint Barthelemy the priciest

Tired of the dreariness of winter and in need of some sunshine? Welcome to Mexico's seaside town of Puerto Vallarta There's more than just sunny days in this port town

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'Vallarta', as locals call it, is a quaint village nestled in Banderas Bay that opens out into the Pacific Ocean. One of Mexico's most cosmopolitan cities, it's also the country's gay capital. Blessed with year round warm temperatures, the sparkling seaside town is a breath of fresh air compared to the capital Mexico City.

A hot spot for sea and art lovers, there is beauty in everything you see from the red tiled houses, cobbled streets and ocean views. Although a major tourist destination, Vallarta has managed to stay clear of clichés and remains in essence a quiet fishing village.

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Pacific Paradise

First time?

On top of the endless stretch of pristine coastline, there are plenty of outdoor activities to keep you busy here. Go horseback riding along the coast, deep sea diving or fishing or for a jeep ride through the jungle. If you're brave enough, go bungee jumping into the ocean (vallarta-adventures.com). Nature lovers will enjoy a trip to the Botanical Gardens (vbgardens.org), where they will find out more about local flowers, including orchids.

Shop

The best place to buy local souvenirs is the historic Rio Cuale Market near the Cuale River. Here you will find plenty of Huichol culture arts and crafts as well as mainstream beach dresses and wrestling masks. Shopping malls, including Galerias Vallarta Maritime and the Plaza Peninsula, are great for getting more generic souvenirs. If it's jewelry and antiques you're after, go for a stroll along the Malecón boardwalk.

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Market crafts

Eat and drink!

For a traditional breakfast, head to Mama Rosa (mamarosavallarta.com). Their refried beans, empanadas and café de olla (cinnamon coffee) are the perfect start to the day. El Brujo is another option, especially if you like molcajetes (steak, onions and white cheese in pepper sauce, with flour tortilla, beans and guacamole). Restaurant La Leche (lalecherestaurant.com) is perfect for a late lunch or dinner.

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A sweet ending to the holidays

This unique upside down cake is a nice escape from your typical frosted Christmas treats

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This stunning cake brings the sweet and vanilla scented flavour of birch syrup to pears, and it would work just as well with firm baking apples.

The dark colour of pure birch syrup enhances the cake and adds a unique flavour. Try it in other baking where you would use vanilla extract as a start.

You can make this cake ahead up to two days and warm it up slightly before serving it with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkle of cinnamon

Ingredients:

- ½ cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- ¾ cup (175 mL) packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 mL) baking powder
- ½ tsp (2 mL) baking soda
- Pinch salt
- ½ cup (125 mL) sour cream

Pear Topping:

- ⅓ cup (75 mL) pure birch syrup
- ¼ cup (50 mL) packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup (50 mL) chopped toasted pecans
- 3 ripe Bosc or Bartlett pears

Preparation:

1. Pear Topping: In saucepan, heat birch syrup, brown sugar over medium-high heat until it begins to bubble. Boil gently for 1 minute, stirring. Pour into greased 9-inch (23 cm) cake pan. Sprinkle with pecans.
2. Peel, quarter and core pears. Slice pears into about ¼ inch (5 mm) thick slices, lengthwise. Arrange over maple mixture in concentric circles overlapping each other slightly. Set aside.
3. In bowl, beat butter and sugar until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in vanilla. In another bowl, combine flour, cardamom, baking powder, soda and salt. Alternately, stir flour mix and sour cream into butter mix making 3 additions of flour and 2 of sour cream until combined (batter will be thick).
4. Scrape into cake pan over pears. Smooth batter carefully without moving pears. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven 40 mins. or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Let cool in pan 20 mins.
5. Invert cake pan onto serving plate and turn over, removing cake pan. Scrape any pear topping from the pan onto cake.

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Holiday prep

We're here to help
This is the final edition of Emily Richard's Holiday Helper. Check out metronews.ca/food for past editions.

EMILY RICHARDS

▶ This recipe serves 12.

Drink of the week

Christmas Coffee

It's the holidays. You don't have to work, so why not make your caffeine fix a little more festive?

- 1 oz Bailey's Mint Chocolate
- .25 oz Frangelico
- .25 oz Kahlua
- Hot coffee

Stir everything with freshly brewed coffee in a large, tempered glass. Top with whipped cream — homemade tastes better, but the canned stuff will look prettier — and sprinkle with shaved dark chocolate and candy cane crumble. Replace the last two liqueurs with Irish whiskey if the sun's already set. JOE HOWELL, TORONTO BARTENDER

JOE HOWELL

A delicious and classic party offering

While most people opt for a store-bought version, French Onion Dip isn't difficult to make from scratch

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ This recipe serves 16.

Always a family favourite, this herb enhanced onion dip is delicious served up with kettle chips as a classic, but try it with fresh cut veggies or use it as a new dip idea for chicken or steak or a spread for a new crostini idea.

Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 large sweet onions, sliced
- 4 shallots, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tub (500 g) low-fat cottage cheese
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh thyme
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped fresh marjoram
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh chives

Preparation:

1. In a large skillet heat olive oil over medium heat. Add onions, shallots, garlic, salt and pepper and cook for 15 to 18 minutes, stirring occasionally or until onions are browned and caramelized. If garlic begins to brown too much, add a few tablespoons of water and continue cooking.
2. Let mixture cool for 10 minutes, then transfer to a food processor and puree until smooth. Add cottage cheese, thyme and marjoram. Purée again until smooth. Stir in chopped chives.
3. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate for at least an hour for flavours to meld.

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Mix learning with living it up

One student weighs in on the importance of balancing work and play while piecing through post-secondary

STUDENT VOICE

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I moved to Nova Scotia to attend school full-time. Cape Breton University (CBU) has an awesome business school where I didn't only study and learn, but I also enjoyed my life more than I ever had before.

There are many reasons why I call my time there the best days of my life. If I have to explain in a few lines, what I loved the most was the super friendly learning environment, highly qualified teachers with a lot of experience, the library — such a good source of research in physical and electronic forms, the sports complex with many free-of-cost facilities and last but not least my residence.

When I moved to Cape Breton, I did not know a single person there. In the beginning, I was quite concerned what my life would be like there without family and friends.

However, surprisingly, when I left the university, I knew many people from security guards, café workers, librarians to professors and students and I was filled with good memories from all of them. Now I am very blessed to have a big circle of wonderful family and friends on the other side of Canada too.

▶ Aysha Khaliq believes schools should have more programs in place to help students assess what direction they'd like to head in after graduation.

In the beginning of my last semester, I started applying for different jobs and I focused on the specific industry I was interested in.

Since I had started looking early, I had enough time to find the right place in a specific industry and find the right job.

In October 2010, I graduated with an MBA and the Valedictorian designation from Cape Breton University and a few job offers.

I believe schools should have a special program in the last two semesters of graduate studies in order to help students figure out what they want to do in the future. If students have the right plan from the start, it helps them to get into the right industry too.

In general, my advice for students would be that our university days won't come back. We should have as much fun as we can. However, at the same time opportunity won't knock on the door again and again. We should try to balance getting good grades, building networks, and enjoying our time.

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Where Aysha is now

Before my graduation, I was offered a few positions. I took my time making a decision and kept the idea of career advancement in my mind. Finally, I accepted a personal banking officer position at Scotiabank.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Aysha's experience

- Travel for school and work while you can. It might seem scary at first, but you'll learn and grow a lot!
- Plan the next steps in your career or education before you graduate so you're not stuck with nothing to do.
- Try to stay balanced in everything that you do — success takes hard work, networking and fun.

Are universities going to the dogs?

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Over the last decade, the number of pet-friendly dorms has been on the rise, albeit at a caged snail's pace. In 2010 the New York Times put the number of campuses with pet-friendly housing at just 12, and most were small, private colleges.

But 2012 may prove to be the tipping point, as many administrators in university housing say this is the hottest topic in their field.

"In local meetings of [the Association of College and University] Housing Officers, we are often the institution that people are looking for answers from on this issue," says Ben Falter, the director of housing at Stetson University in Florida. Stetson currently has 60 pet-friendly individual units on campus. "People are really pressing to know how to do it and how it's working for us."

Stetson became pet-friendly in 2010, after incoming president Wendy B. Libby pressed the issue. Libby is the former president of Stephens College, ranked second-most pet-friendly school in the nation by Petside.com.

But even at the most liberal colleges, many administrators still see pitfalls.

ISTOCK

▶ Throw me a bone, will ya?

"We had a lot of discussion around things like, will dorms be inspected to ensure that animals are well cared for? Who will be responsible for that? How will we set standards?" says Unity College's assistant professor of wildlife, Sarah Cunningham. Unity decided against pet-friendly dorms this year.

"You have to have a plan to make sure you're taking care of these animals humanely if, as a college, you're going to be responsible for students having animals."

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OUT-OF-OFFICE ANTICS DON'T FLY FOR RIM

Recent firings of two executives raise questions about the degree to which off-duty behaviour can affect one's employment

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"RIM expects that its employees conduct themselves in a manner reflective of our strong principles and standards of business behaviour."

So read the press statement released by Research in Motion after last week's news story about two of its (now former) high-flying executives who were fired for excessive drinking on an Air Canada flight.

Although the story initially raised eyebrows because the plane was diverted and forced to land due to their conduct, it also poses an interesting workplace law issue because the employees were fired by RIM for their conduct — even though it occurred away from the workplace.

Generally, employees' conduct outside of work is immune from discipline. But, in some circumstances, an employer has a right to interfere:

▶ The higher the position an employee holds within their company can occasionally dictate whether he or she might be acceptably punished for out-of-work misbehaviour.

• When an employer's interests or reputation is jeopardized by an employee's off-duty behaviour, this can be cause for immediate dismissal without pay. In the RIM case, the executives' behaviour was immediately broadcast in the media and news, linking them back to their employer. Although RIM had no hand in their conduct, the negative publicity it faced as a result of the executives' behaviour justified its reaction: a press release distancing itself from their actions and their prompt dismissal.

• Criminal behaviour unrelated to the workplace but which injures or potentially injures an employer's interests can amount to cause for dismissal. In one case, an employer successfully defended itself from a former employee who was charged with a crime, even though he was not yet convicted. The court sided with the company because of the potential damage to its reputation.

• More recently, an Ontario court found that an employee who occupies a heightened position of trust has greater off-duty responsibilities to the employer. In that case, the employee was fired for harassing a co-worker away from work. The employee's senior human resources position and the fact that he helped distribute harassment policies at work contributed to his failure at trial.

• In some cases actual damage to an employer's reputation may not be necessary if there is a potential for harm. In a notorious Canadian case, a bank teller was fired after her employer learned that she was living with a convicted bank robber. She had done nothing wrong, but she was still in a conflict of interest.

Where off-duty behaviour poses a workplace problem, it can follow you back to your desk.

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Raymond feeling thankful

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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In the eight games since he returned to the Canucks' lineup, Mason Raymond has been great. At times he's been their best player. He's moved seamlessly up and down the lineup. His three goals and six points slot him fourth on the team in points-per-game average.

He is, not surprisingly, pleased with his production so far. But, hockey aside, he's also thankful just to be healthy.

"You appreciate the use of your arms and your legs and all the little things that allow you to live everyday life," Raymond said. "To be able to play a high-level sport and to be successful, that's a whole other level. I'm very pleased with where I'm at considering where I was a short time ago.

Where he was a short time ago was in a back brace.

Raymond sustained cracked vertebrae when he was hit into the boards awkwardly June 13, Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final. He spent two months in the brace before slowly returning to train. Talk to people around the team about his return and the discussion quickly turns to how hard the 26-year-old has worked to get back to where he was before the injury: A key component in the Canucks' attack (the team has earned at least a point in all but one game since his return).

"I watched him for almost three months in the gym," said coach Alain Vigneault. "You have to give him a lot of credit because he really put in the time and effort.

"Everyone is really pleased with where he's at considering he was coming back after that serious injury. He put in so much time with the people who worked with him, from our trainers and conditioning coaches to his own physio people. He came in prepared and confident. And he's played extremely well."

Healing after a major injury must occur between the ears, too. There was no doubt Raymond and the team would make sure everything was OK with him physically prior to allowing him to return. But how would he react when thrown into game action? Would he be tentative?

The answer has been a resounding no. Raymond is diving into the dirty areas and has not shied from the physical side of the game.

"I've been through a lot mentally and that's part of being in a good shape physically, too."

His return puts the team, slowly creeping back up the Western Conference standings, in good shape as well.

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▶ Dion Phaneuf of the Toronto Maple Leafs chases Mason Raymond on Saturday.

Canucks preview

Detroit at Vancouver
7 p.m.
TV: TSN

The Canucks (20-11-2) and Detroit (21-10-1) have both won seven of their last 10 games. The Red Wings defeated Edmonton 3-2 on Monday, bringing their record in Western Canada to 14-2-3 since the 2008-09 season. Pavel Datsyuk was held pointless in the game, snapping his five-game, nine-point streak. He leads Detroit with 33 points. Jimmy Howard leads all goaltenders with 20 wins so far this season. Drew Miller has three goals in the past two games, including the game-winner against the Oilers.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sutter set to take over as Kings coach

Darryl Sutter will be the Los Angeles Kings' next head coach, general manager Dean Lombardi announced Tuesday.

Sutter will assume his duties beginning with practice Wednesday, after which the club will hold a news conference to introduce him. He takes over a Kings team (15-14-4) that entered Tuesday three points out of a playoff spot in the Western Conference with the second-fewest goals in the league — just three more than the New York Islanders. The Kings are currently riding a streak of 12 consecutive games in which they've scored no more than two goals in regulation.

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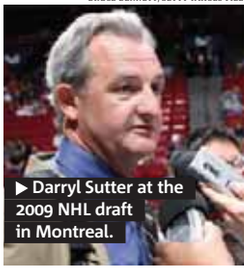

▶ Darryl Sutter at the 2009 NHL draft in Montreal.

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Darryl Sutter-coached teams have made the playoffs in 10 of his 12 seasons on the bench, including in 2004 when his Calgary Flames made the Stanley Cup final.

The Kings, whose next game is Thursday night in L.A. against the struggling Anaheim Ducks, fired coach Terry Murray on Dec. 12 in Boston before starting a four-game road trip. Assistant coach John Stevens was 2-2 on an interim basis.

It's the ninth time in franchise history the Kings will finish a season with a different coach than the one they started with. They made the playoffs on three of those occasions.

Sutter, 53, has a career regular-season record of 409-320-131 and a 47-54 mark in the playoffs. He has won division titles as coach in Chicago, San Jose and Calgary.

He also was general manager of the Flames from the 2003-04 season until he resigned Dec. 28, 2010, with the team sitting last in the Western Conference.

Sutter is one of nine head coaches in NHL history to lead at least three different clubs to 100 wins.

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Cargo

The interior has been given the update treatment, providing a slightly enlarged passenger area but at the expense of slightly reduced cargo volume.

This time, though, maximizing the load floor is a snap with the new fold-down rear seat that operates by flipping a pair of levers located just inside the tailgate.

Fuel consumption

Fuel consumption has improved to 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway for front-wheel-drive models (formerly 10.5/7.3). All-wheel-drive models are rated at 9.2 l/100 km city and 6.6 highway (previously 10.1/7.5).

The improvements are attributed to a new anti-friction coating for the pistons, a faster-activating on-demand AWD system as well as a revised five-speed automatic transmission.

Engine, steering

Getting CR-V owners to work, the gym, or the daycare is a revised 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine that makes 185 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque, which is slightly more than the previous 2.4.

From observation, Honda engineers have largely succeeded at smoothing out the CR-V's ride and creating a quieter interior. On the down side, the newly installed "Motion-Adaptive" electric power-assisted steering (called EPAS) feels a bit numb, especially when driving straight down the highway.

▶ Subtle changes are sometimes the best: reorganizing a few lines at the back creates this dramatic profile.

Resculpted not recreated

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Calling all cool moms; your new fourth-generation Honda CR-V chariot awaits.

Of course Honda's popular tall wagon isn't just for active women with toddlers in tow, but according to the automaker, the "cool moms" segment makes up, or significantly influences, the largest portion of CR-V buyers. They, along with others seeking a roomy ride with all-weather, all-road capability, will appreciate the vehicle's car-like behaviour and economical operation.

CR-V devotees will not easily spot the latest version of Honda's compact "cute ute" since it closely mirrors the outgoing version in all key exterior dimensions. What's more, the general shape remains only moderately tinkered-with, including updated nose and tail section plus a more dramatically shaped rear roof pillar that introduces a bit more drama to the vehicle's styling. Honda claims that the new CR-V's shape, along with modifications to the undercarriage to increase air flow, has reduced fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag by eight per cent.

Honda seems content with not rocking the boat with its latest CR-V, perhaps sensing that the time isn't quite right to introduce a totally clean-sheet design. The cool-mom crowd would likely agree.

▶ The opening is wide and the load floor is deeper and extends 1.5 metres forward, but you'll have to wiggle, shimmy and wedge items around the bulbous trim panels for the wheel housings.

▶ The green button to the left of the steering wheel is "ECON," which optimizes the transmission and air conditioning for maximum fuel economy, providing you're driving in a thrifty manner.

Honda CR-V

What you should know about the 2012 Honda CR-V:

- **Types:** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive five-passenger tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (185).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** Modestly sized wagons, including the segment-dominant CR-V, are hot sellers and provide less costly and more fuel-efficient alternatives to traditional truck-based sport utes.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 9.0/6.4 (FWD).

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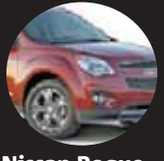
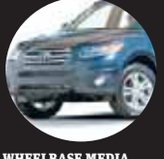
By comparison

Chevrolet Equinox
Base price: $27,800
Stylish, roomy wagon specializes in a quiet ride and impressive fuel numbers.



Nissan Rogue
Base price: $25,400
Looks like a smaller version of Nissan's Murano, which is a bonus.

Hyundai Santa Fe
Base price: $25,800
Conservative looks, but a solidly built standout with optional V-6 power.



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▶ Chances are your vehicle will be involved in some sort of memory you create during the holidays.

It's perfectly fine that the vehicle's main role during the holidays is helping us get to where we want to be, like with our families, or extremely far away from our families where there is also a good beach.

We don't need to start stringing lights on every Ford Taurus, or going with eggnog-flavoured 5W30 engine oil over the holidays.

That would be forcing it if you ask me — like attaching fake antlers to a cat.

Like everybody, my most vivid memories of driving to a family Christmas event occurred when I was a kid, when Christmas was feverishly crucial.

Unfortunately the drives that stick out the most were the long ones to my uncle's farm up north.

Back then I routinely got car sick, so I remember a few times standing beside the car in the snow on some back road, in full puke mode. Hey, not every memory has to be a stupendously good one. The important thing is that they're memorable enough to lodge in your memory for the long haul.

Christmas Eve 17 years ago, when our daughter was just a year old, we stayed overnight at my mother's home, the ancestral bungalow in the suburbs. As usual, the kid refused to go to sleep at the appointed time — a habit she manages to maintain to this day. When she was still screaming well past midnight, I did what all fathers do under such circumstances — buckled her into the car seat, and drove around aimlessly until she fell asleep.

Not every memory has to be a stupendously good one. The important thing is that they're memorable enough to lodge in your memory for the long haul.

Driving around my old hometown, in the dead quiet of Christmas night, decorations and lights everywhere, daughter in the back slowly falling asleep, well … it wasn't the worst half hour I ever spent behind the wheel.

These days we have to make a relatively short run on Christmas Eve, about an hour door to door.

Simple, right? And with no chance of vomit?

Well, thankfully nausea is no longer in the picture, but things are far from simple. Trying not to forget and pack every present, trying to leave on time with four people with four different agendas, and trying to properly secure a broccoli casserole and Greek salad somewhere in the cargo area, is exhaustive and tricky stuff.

But that's precisely why there is such euphoria when we're finally on our way. Nothing left to do but enjoy the ride, hope there is no Feta cheese disaster in the trunk, and look forward to the festivities that will soon unfold.

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The bad roads make good cars at auto test facilities

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Before any new vehicle design makes it to market, it must undergo extensive testing, with much of it done at special facilities called proving grounds. These contain the same road conditions as you'd find in the real world, including broken concrete and potholes.

The difference is that while real roads start out smooth and gradually deteriorate, the rough ones in proving grounds have to be made that way right from the start.

"We've got a wide variety of roads that we use," says Frank Barhorst, supervisor of the Product Usage Measurements and Applications at General Motors' facility in Milford, Michigan.

"We test on bad roads and good roads. It all depends on what you're looking for."

The Milford Proving Grounds contains a wide variety of surfaces, including smooth asphalt, worn concrete, gravel roads and closely-set ridges called chatter bumps, along with a railway crossing, highway overpass and off-road courses.

Engineers drive over the surfaces to evaluate such considerations as handling, durability and vehicle noise, including interior squeaks and rattles.

The rough roads don't have to look like the real thing, but they must accurately reproduce the same conditions.

Milford's "potholes" are actually made of metal and set into the road surface. The engineers can even recreate actual roads, using an innovative scanner that produces a 3-D digital representation in millimeters as it's driven along.

The digital data is used both for the test road and for a computer simulation used during the vehicle's initial design.

"We can predict the loads that a vehicle will see before one's even built," Barhorst says. "That's the best way to do this type of work."

The simulation is so accurate that driving the real car on the real road usually just confirms what the computer predicted.

One of the toughest things can be finding construction crews to build the type of road they'd normally be fixing.

Although there are a few firms that specialize in building proving grounds, there are always challenges.

"It takes a very specialized company," Barhorst says.

"It sometimes takes discussion and sharing secrets. It's one of the more interesting and fun parts of my job."

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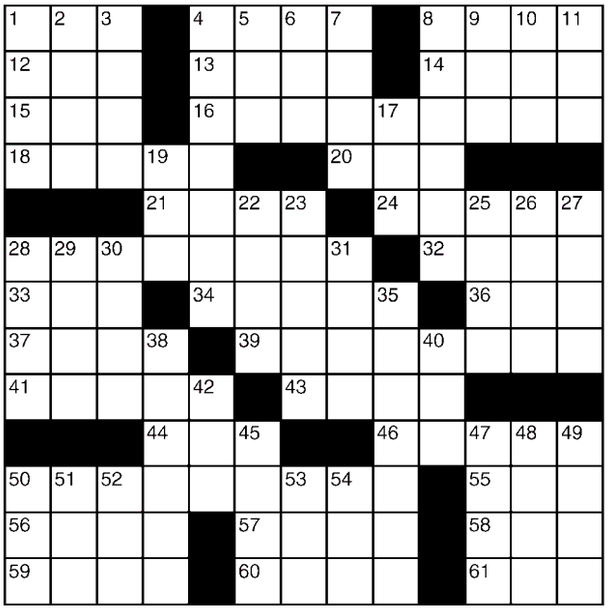

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8 Easter entrees
12 Actress Gardner
13 Somewhat
14 Shrek, e.g.
15 Trawler need
16 Jail
18 18th president
20 Obtained
21 Verdi opera
24 Intrinsically
28 Arab's hooded cloak
32 Clarinet insert
33 Anger
34 — Dame
36 Mr. Hammarskjöld
37 Culture medium
39 Rikki-Tikki-Tavi is one
41 Old photograph hue
43 Rules, for short
44 Have
46 Cowboy's greeting
50 1984 movie remade in 2011
55 Fish eggs
56 Inlet
57 Met melody
58 The whole enchilada
59 Burn some
60 Drove
61 Energy

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1 Gunshot sound
2 State with certainty
3 Information
4 Clique
5 Lawyers' org.
6 Zero
7 Sans escort
8 Owl, at times
9 Past
10 "— Doubtfire"
11 Catch a glimpse of
17 Jazz style
19 A Bobbsey twin
22 Dire prophecy
23 Titanic VIP
25 Start over
26 Red and Black
27 Lip
28 Diagonal
29 Press on
30 Harvest
31 Coastal flier
35 Highbrow
38 Hooligan
40 Bear, in Barcelona
42 Piercing tool
45 Biblical boatwright
47 Finish a film shoot
48 Clinton's 1996 opponent
49 Shrill bark
50 Media watchdog org.
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Eggs in a lab
53 Raw rock
54 Round Table address

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	7	2	5	4	1	8	6	9
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6	1	3	8	2	4	9	5	7
7	2	5	1	9	3	4	8	6

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A Spaceman, Consummation has begun and I am your guide. Together we unlock the secrets of the stars. Your signal is fading. You are... my love. **A NIGHT OWL**

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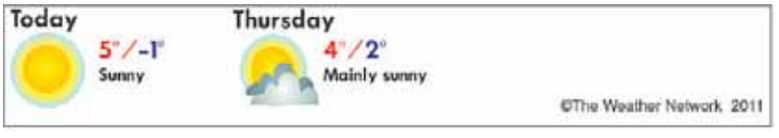
RJ Romeo, I miss you babe and I can't wait for you to come home to me for x-mas....I miss you and love you lots more than you'll ever know. **UR BABIEE**

Hubbyxoxo :P , Heyy idk why ur friends saying im pissed off at chu cause im not and w.e his name is idk him i never talked to him -.- btww I like you alot!!!!! :P 10/04/11 **WIFEYXOXOX :P**



Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It may seem as if things are going wrong and there is little you can do about it, but it's all part of a wider plan.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you have a well defined goal and a sensible plan, you really cannot lose.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You need to talk over your problems with someone you know will lend a sympathetic ear.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Is that the real you the world can see? Or is it one of your masks? If it's the latter don't forget that you are playing a role.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Look for ways to co-operate with those you work and do business with. You have wasted far too much time trying to outdo each other.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You have become a bit too set in your ways of late and what happens today will bring that fact home.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Concentrate on the things that matter and don't waste time on each and every passing distraction.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times, but is that bad?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 After all the exertions of recent weeks, you are entitled to a little down time. Let life come to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 What you own and what you earn may be important to you but don't worry yourself sick about it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 If you have a good idea — and chances are you have a brilliant one — get started on it now.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't take colleagues' negative remarks to heart because they don't mean them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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